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## **John Ward named Chairman-elect of international industry group**

***Will lead racing industry's top organization in 2014***

**LEXINGTON, Ky. – (May 1, 2013)** – Kentucky Horse Racing Commission executive director John T. Ward has been named chairman-elect of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) by the group's board of directors. Ward will succeed current RCI board chairman Duncan Patterson of the Delaware Thoroughbred Commission whose term runs through 2013-2014.

"I am honored to be named to lead such a prestigious organization," said Ward. "Being able to chair a group of colleagues from throughout the United States gives me an opportunity to share the good work we are doing in Kentucky as well as bring back to our commission new ideas that will help continue our work to enhance the safety and integrity of racing in Kentucky."

Ward was named executive director of the KHRC by Governor Steve Beshear in February 2012. He is a Kentucky Derby-winning trainer with Monarchos in 2001. He has also trained winners in the Kentucky Oaks as well as the Breeders' Cup.

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